

MINUTES

NCA 2021: In-Person Spiritual Communication Division Business Meeting

November 19th, 2021 7:00 am | Meeting called to order by Dr. Malcolm Jason

In Attendance

List attendees: Malcolm Jason, Leland Spencer, Cory Anton, Becky DeGreef

Review of Virtual Meeting

The minutes from the Virtual Meeting of November 12, 2021 were reviewed in brief.

The video from NCA was shown in full during the meeting.

Vice-Chair Elect's report—Malcolm Jason

- Discussed the significant growth in membership and in awards participation. Recruiting for awards committee reviewers for 2022.

Division Award Recognition

Division awardees were recognized in the following order.

Outstanding Books

How Non-Being Haunts Being: On Possibilities, Morality, and Death Acceptance by Dr. Corey Anton

Outstanding MA Thesis

Secular Audiences/Sacred Values: The Rhetoric of Pope Francis by Kelci Gormley

Outstanding Articles

Embodied Queer Theology in Showtime's Queer as Folk, Argumentation and Advocacy by Dr. Leland Spencer

Top Outstanding Student Paper *Understanding the Role of Prayer and Relationship with God for Christians Before and After the Death of a Child* by Elizabeth Bennet

Top Paper Recognition

Outstanding Student Papers (Top 3, Alphabetical by Author)

- *Resisting Evangelical Power from Within: Beth Moore and Feminine Style* by Zachary Sheldon

- *Feminine Archetypes and the Rhetoric of Transformation in the Sci-Fi Film Arrival* by Justin Pehoski
- *Social Media or Spiritual Media? A Qualitative Examination of Media Influences on Latter-day Saint Body Image* by Megan Gale

Top Outstanding Faculty Paper

- *Fake News, Selective Forgetting, and Alt-Right Induced Trauma: Intercultural and Interfaith Responses to Holocaust Denial and Distortion* by Dr. Lara Lengel, Dr. Victoria Newsom, & Desiree Montenegro

Outstanding Faculty Papers (Top 2, Alphabetical by Author)

- *Transformation via Spiritual Pedagogy of Labyrinth Walking* by Dr. Nancy Bandiera
- *Eulogizing Good Death in the Face of COVID-19* by Dr. Erin Willer

New Business

No new business. All further business will be postponed until the 2022 convention.

Call for interested reviewers, chairs, and respondents for 2022 convention

To all interested in volunteering as reviewers or in another service capacity please email Desiree Ann Montenegro at desiree.montenegro@paloverde.edu or Victoria Newsom at vnewsom@olympic.edu.

Meeting Adjourned

November 12th, 2021 8:00 AM | *Meeting Adjourned by* Dr. Malcolm Jason

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 a.m. and was passed unanimously.